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REF: STATE 10467, BISHOP/CORDOVA LETTER OF FEB. 23

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF CONTENTS OF REFLETTER. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF REFTEL WAS THAT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE FIFTH TRANSITIONAL QUARTER OF FY-1976 WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND COULD BE EXPECTED. ESPECIALLY SINCE WE IN GOOD FAITH ALREADY HAD SUBMITTED THREE FIRM SEPTEMBER ETAS EARLY IN THE FISCAL YEAR, WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE US SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS TO COVER ANY GAP BETWEEN OUR BUDGET AND THE THREE REMAINING INVITATIONS (NIKlasson, EKSTROM, STRANDBERG). WE OVER-OPTIMISTICALLY THOUGHT WE MIGHT EVEN GET YEAR-END FUNDS TO PERMIT OUR PARTICIPATION IN SOME MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECTS OR ENABLE US TO OFFER PARTIAL GRANTS.

2. REFLETTER INDICATES THAT OUR PRESENT BALANCE IS \$6,053, MORE THAN ENOUGH TO COVER TWO FULL GRANTS AT \$2459 EACH, AND SUPPLY \$1135 TOWARDS THE THIRD. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERSTAND THE SENTENCE STATING QUOTE WE COULD COVER EKSTROM AND NIKlasson FROM THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER ALLOCATION BUT COULD PROMISE NO MORE THAN THAT UNQUOTE SINCE WE ALREADY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THEM IN INITIAL FY-76 BUDGET.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE US, THEREFORE, IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE

AT LEAST \$1324 FROM THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER ALLOCATION
TO COMPLETE THE STRANDBERG GRANT. IF NOT, CLARIFICATION
OF SWEDISH PROGRAM STATUS WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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